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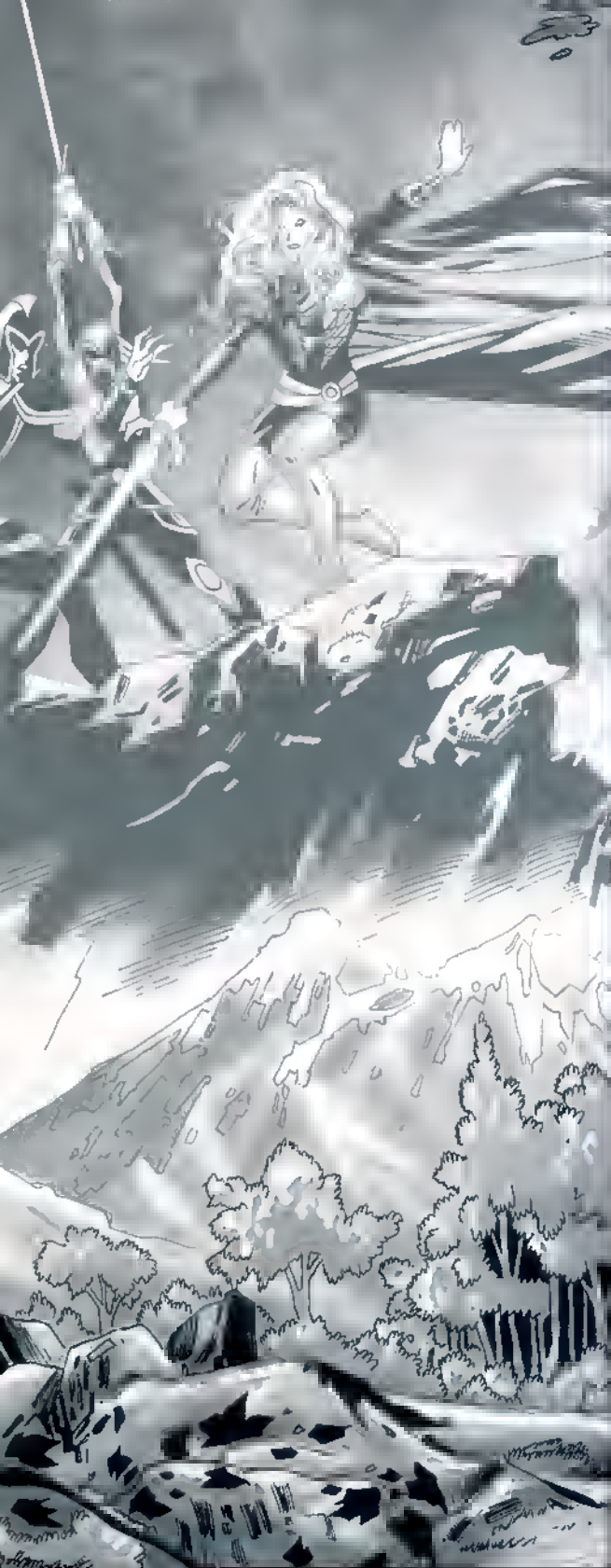
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THE ROAD TO VONGERIA

IT'S A QUIET ONE.

JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT.

IT WASN'T EASY GETTING THIS ROUTE

YES. EVERYONE KNOWS HOW CUSHY THIS JOB IS.

GOOD MORNING--

KAMPH!

ERACK!

WHA--?

GOING SOMEWHERE WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIEND?

I'LL--

YOU'LL WATCH YOUR TONGUE IF YOU VALUE IT.



WOLF! CAN'T I LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR A *MINUTE* WITHOUT YOU GETTING CAPTURED? HOW CAN I LEARN ANYTHING FROM YOU IF YOU KEEP THIS UP?

MUMPH!

EXCUSES, EXCUSES.

WHERE ARE MARGRET AND ISABELLE?

IN THE LEAD COACH.

CAN YOU KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FRIEND THERE?

GLADLY.

BE CAREFUL, HOPE.

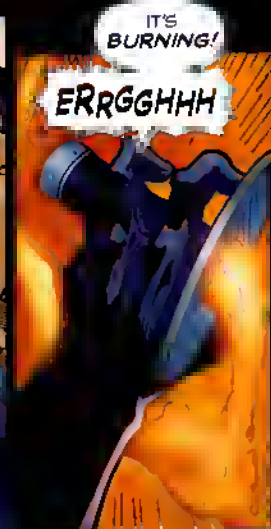
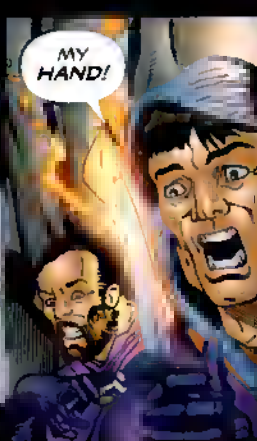
I WILL, YOU DO THE SAME.

YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING, SO DON'T PUSH IT.

INTRUDER!

IT'S THE WHITE-SKINNED DEMON!

IT'S LADY DEATH!





WHAT HAPPENED WITH HENRY?

HE'S NOT A THREAT ANYMORE. THE FIRES CEASED WHEN I KNOCKED HIM OUT.

I WAS AFRAID I LOST YOU ALL.

THANKS, AUNTIE HOPE.

WE'RE A LIABILITY TO YOU, HOPE.



I AM THE LIABILITY, AUNT MARGRET. I LOOK LIKE THE ENEMY. I WANT TO DO GOOD, BUT VITTORIO HAS DEFAMED ME.

WILL WE EVER HAVE ANY PEACE?

SLOW DOWN GIRL, YOU'RE TIRED

I'M EXHAUSTED...



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I'M TAKING THE BATTLE TO ARCHBISHOP VITTORIO

YOU'RE NOT!



YES, I AM. VITTORIO INTENDS TO FOLLOW US NO MATTER WHERE WE GO. THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOUR ELDRITCH BLOOD IS MAKING YOU MAD. YOU PLAN TO WALTZ INTO VITTORIO'S STRONGHOLD AND SCHOOL HIM?

YOU ARE NOT READY. ANGER CLOUDS YOUR REASON.

ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?



MAYBE IT IS IN MY BLOOD. ELDRITCH WICKEDNESS OR NOT. I WILL NOT STAND FOR VITTORIO'S AFFRONT ON YOU AND MY FAMILY.

WOLF, I AM YOUR STUDENT AND I AM LISTENING. I DID NOT DEFEAT HENRY WITH ANGER. I USED MY ABILITIES AND IT CAME NATURALLY.

I HAVE TO GO. TRUST ME ON THIS.



I'LL BE BACK.

I LOVE YOU ALL



STUBBORN



GO.

WE'LL BE OKAY, WOLF.



BE CAREFUL.

LARCHMONT
CAVERN

LET ME
GO, VON
BACH!

I DON'T
WANT TO HAVE
ANYTHING TO
DO WITH
THIS.

YOU'VE
NO CHOICE,
WEIMERAINER.

YOU
ARE TAKING ME
TO THE SOURCE OF
HENRY'S POWER,
JACOB WHETHER
YOU LIKE IT OR
NOT.

AS I
THOUGHT!

AN
ELDRITCH
WAS HERE.

DAMN THE
FOUL-STENCHED
HUMANS FOR THEIR
INDEFATIGABLE
CURIOSITY!

WHAT
IS IT,
OBSIDIA?

IT APPEARS
MY GAMBIT WITH
HENRY HEINEMANN
MAY BE
DISCOVERED.

IT'S THEIR
TELLTALE
DUST.

DID
HENRY GET
HIS POWER
FROM AN
ELDRITCH?

STAND
BACK!

WHAT
KIND OF
CREATURE IS
THAT?

ONE
THAT KILLS
CAL JACOB'S
GONE

—UUGGHH

MY GOD-
GIVEN POWERS
HAVE **FAILED**
ME.

NO. I-- HENRY
HEINMANN --
HAVE FAILED.
NOT GOD.

BUT I
WILL DO
BETTER,
LORD.

NO. PLEASE.
YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
THEY'VE GOT A
SORM PLANTED
INSIDE ME!

WAS
IT LADY
DEATH? **BEAT**
IT OUT OF
HIM.

LADY
DEATH? NO.
THE MISSION
WAS TO **KILL**
HER.

AAAAHHHHH
MY HEAD!

NO. IT
CANNOT
BE.

THE LORD IS
ALMIGHTY.

TODAY
LADY DEATH
SHALL FALL
BEFORE YOUR
GREATNESS!



YONGERIA CATHEDRAL

BE QUICK.

ARCHBISHOP VITTORIO HAS GUARDS EVERYWHERE.

IT APPEARS THEY'RE SLEEPING.

A RUSE, I'M SURE



SO.

HENRY HAS FAILED.

LADY DEATH LIVES.



YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

YOU SHOULD BE RESTING.

I FEEL TERRIFIC AND I MUST KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE

DON'T GO THROUGH THAT--



--DOOR

LOOK!
IT'S LADY DEATH!



DO YOU EVER LISTEN?

COME ON!

THIS IS NO TIME FOR TALK!



GENTLEMEN,
PLEASE
HOLD.

THIS CREATURE,
THIS **BEAST** LADY
DEATH, HAS COME
TO CHALLENGE ME.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT,
DEMON?

I'VE COME
TO TEACH YOU
A LESSON,
VITTORIO.

THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE.

AMUSING.

FIRST
YOU **DECLINE** MY
OFFER TO JOIN ME IN
CELEBRATION OF DEFEATING
THE ELDRITCH AT NOVGOROD.
THEN YOU **STEAL AWAY**
MY PRISONER, WOLFRAM
VON BACH.

THEN
YOU ATTACK
ME IN MY OWN
CATHEDRAL AT
HIS SIDE, TSK.
TSK.



THIS
CASTLE IS
MINE.

IT IS I WHO
CHALLENGE
YOU.

DO YOU
ACCEPT?

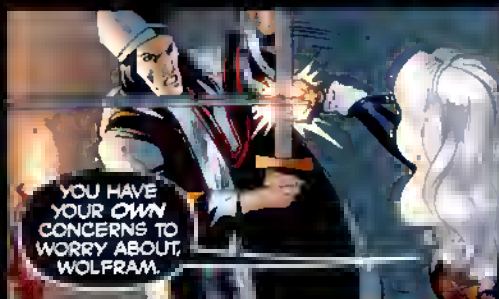
HAVE
AT IT.



HOPE,
NO!

HE'S...
YOU ARE
NOT IN HIS
LEAGUE!

DAMMIT!
WON'T YOU
LISTEN?




YOU HAVE
YOUR **OWN**
CONCERNS TO
WORRY ABOUT,
WOLFRAM.



AMATEURS!



I FOUGHT THE
THOUSAND-MAN ARMY
OF SAXONS ON THE
SHORES OF IRELAND
WHEN YOU WERE JUST
BABES IN YOUR
MOTHER'S ARMS!




ARE
YOU THINKING
BETTER OF YOUR
INTRUSION? YOU
UNDERSTAND I CANNOT
ALLOW EITHER OF YOU
TO LEAVE HERE
ALIVE.

WHERE'S
WOLF
VITTORIO-
UMPH?

I'M
SURE HE'S
IN *CAPABLE*
HANDS.


YOU--



...SHOULD BE
WORRIED ABOUT
YOURSELF THIS
CROSS IN MY HAND,
AND THE BLADE I
WIELD ARE
IRON.

AND YOU
KNOW IRON
IS *DEADLY*
TO YOUR
KIND!

UGH!



YOUR PRESENCE IS AN
AFFRONT TO THE CHURCH,
AND TO GOD, BUT *MOST*
IMPORTANTLY,
TO ME!

DOWN,
DEVIL!

BY
THE POWER
OF GOD AND
HEAVEN, YOU
SHALL BE
DAMNED!

STOP THIS!
I AM NO
DEMON!



DEAR
LORD-
LOOK!

NOT
HERE!

NOT
IN *OUR*
VILLAGE.

AN
ELDRITCH!

THAT'S NOT
AN ELDRITCH
IT'S LADY
DEATH

SHE'S
WORSE
THAN THEY
ARE!



GO BACK
TO THE
DARKNESS,
DEMON!

GO BACK
TO WHERE
YOU CAME
FROM!


URGH!



I CAME FROM HERE!

I AM NOT A DEMON!

I AM A WOMAN!



DO YOU HEAR HER, GOOD PEOPLE?

SHE LIES WITH HER SNAKE TONGUE AS ALL DEMONS LIE.



LIES!

ALL YOU HAVE ARE LIES, VITTORIO.




IS THIS HOW YOU KEEP YOUR PEOPLE IN CHECK?

IT WON'T WORK WITH ME.

I SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU, VITTORIO.



BUT I'M TELLING YOU—



YOU ROSE AS A MAN OF GOD, BUT YOU ARE A MERE POLITICIAN. YOU FEAR HONEST WORK, SO YOU THREATEN OTHERS INTO IT.

I AM JUST THE LATEST THING FOR YOUR PEOPLE TO FEAR. I AM UNIQUE. I AM DIFFERENT.

—THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS TO FEAR ME IS YOU!



YOU INSIST
YOU ARE
HUMAN?

WELL,
WE WILL SEE
HOW WELL YOU
FARE AGAINST
THE TASTE OF
IRON.



CHINGGG



HUH?
YOU'RE
FAST!



BUT I'VE
FOUGHT YOUR
KIND ALL MY
LIFE!

URK!



FWAK

SPARE US
YOUR LITANY,
VITTORIO!

ERGH!



HOW DID
YOU--

NOT
NOW.

IF WE GET
OUT OF THIS, YOU
AND I WILL TALK. I'VE
HAD IT WITH YOUR
RECKLESSNESS.

UNDERSTAND?

YES,
SIR.



ARE
YOU
OKAY?

AS IF YOU
TRULY CARE, I FEEL
LOUSY. I SHOULD
BE RESTING.

BUT I
COULDN'T
LET YOU GO
IT ALONE.

LET'S
DO THIS.



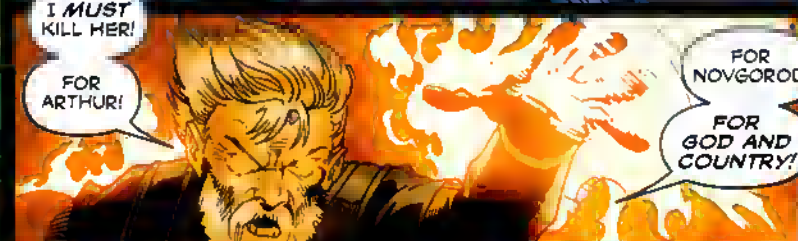
OUT
OF MY
WAY!

I MUST
FINISH
WHAT I'VE
STARTED!



WE
THOUGHT
YOU DEAD,
HENRY.

W-WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO
YOUR FACE,
MAN?





ENOUGH
WITH THE
LIES!

THIS IS
WHAT SHE
LIVES FOR!

SHE
TWISTS YOUR
MINDS AS SHE
SULLIES YOUR
SOULS.

SHE IS
NO HERO.
LOOK AT
HER SKIN

SHE IS
ONE OF
THEM!



HENRY, ARE
YOU SO BLIND
WITH RAGE THAT
YOU WOULD HURT
THOSE YOU'VE
SWORN TO DEFEND?

JULIANIA,
ARE YOU...?!

AS I'VE
SAID, HE'S
AN IDIOT.

OH!

ERGGHH!



LOOK!

LOOK
AT HIS
FACE!



HE'S, HE'S
ELDRITCH!



NO,
NO, IT CAN'T
BE TRUE.



DEAR
LORD!

WHAT'S
BECOME
OF ME?!



BACK
OFF!

KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE!

ARCHBISHOP
VITTORIO, ARE YOU
IN LEAGUE WITH
THE ALABASTER
DEMONS?

HOW
DO YOU
EXPLAIN
THIS?!



UH... I...

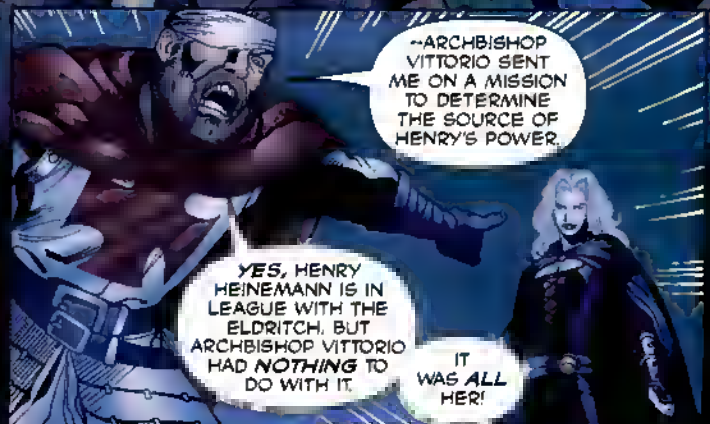


LET ME THROUGH!

LET ME THROUGH!



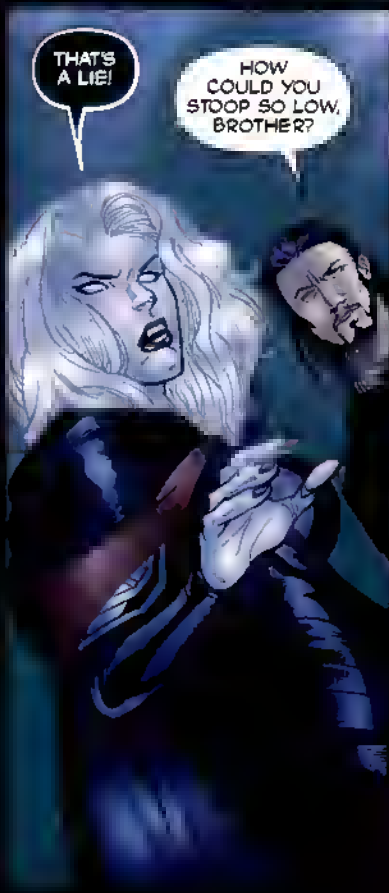
GOOD PEOPLE, LISTEN TO ME--



--ARCHBISHOP VITTORIO SENT ME ON A MISSION TO DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF HENRY'S POWER.

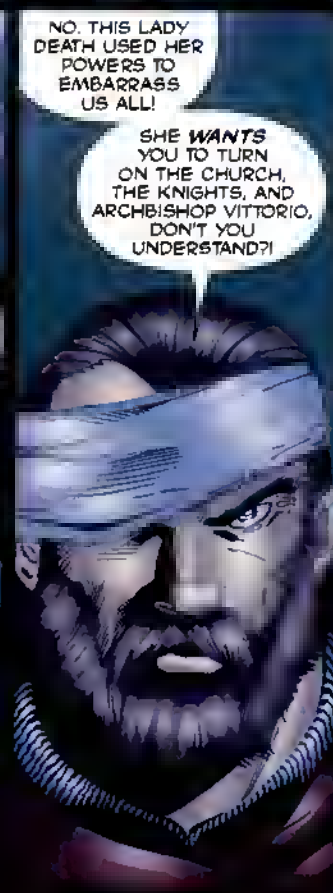
YES, HENRY HEINEMANN IS IN LEAGUE WITH THE ELDRITCH. BUT ARCHBISHOP VITTORIO HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

IT WAS ALL HER!



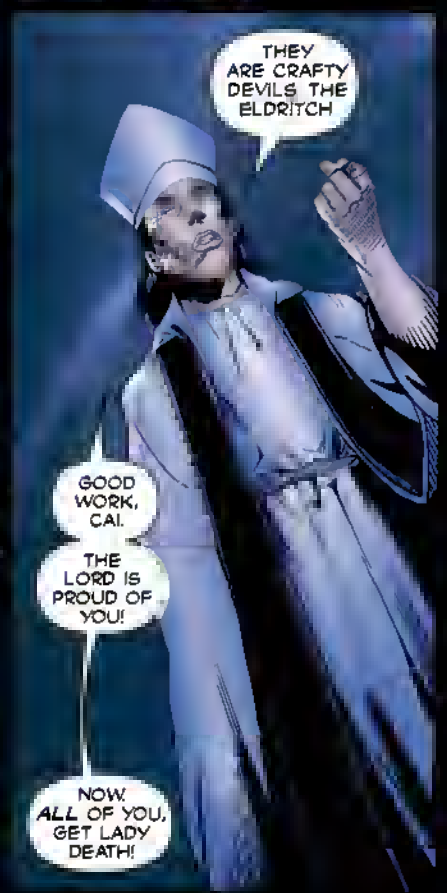
THAT'S A LIE!

HOW COULD YOU STOOP SO LOW, BROTHER?



NO, THIS LADY DEATH USED HER POWERS TO EMBARRASS US ALL!

SHE WANTS YOU TO TURN ON THE CHURCH, THE KNIGHTS, AND ARCHBISHOP VITTORIO. DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?!



THEY ARE CRAFTY DEVILS THE ELDRITCH

GOOD WORK, CAL

THE LORD IS PROUD OF YOU!

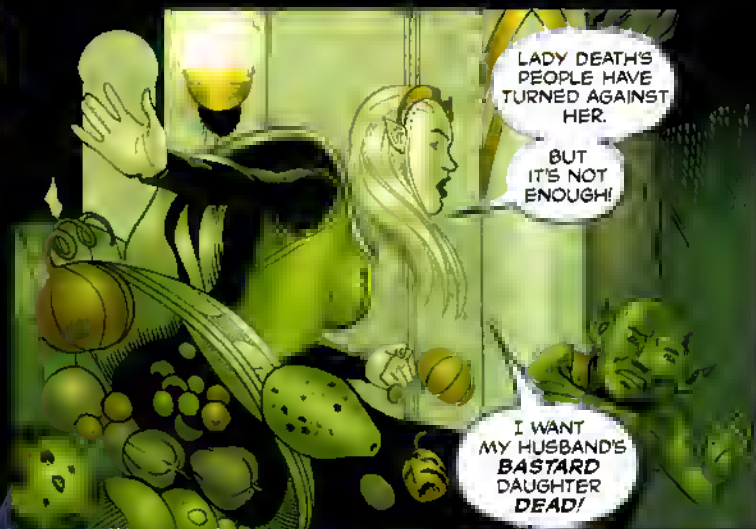
NOW ALL OF YOU, GET LADY DEATH!







AGLAROND.



LADY DEATH'S PEOPLE HAVE TURNED AGAINST HER.

BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH!

I WANT MY HUSBAND'S BASTARD DAUGHTER DEAD!



I'M RETIRING FOR THE EVENING, FREDO.



SEE THAT I'M NOT DISTURBED

OF COURSE, MY LORD.



IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO FOR YOU, LORD?



NO. THAT WILL BE ALL.



WHAT?

MY BEDSPREAD--
IT'S ALIVE!
WRAPPING AROUND--

--MEUMPH!



GOOD EVENING, VITTORIO.

WELL, HERE I AM.

I'VE FINALLY ACCEPTED YOUR INVITATION.
HAPPY?

YOU'RE WONDERING WHY YOUR BED SPREAD HAS MUMMIFIED YOU? I DID THAT AND I CAN DO MUCH WORSE.



IMAGINE THAT I AM THE MONSTER THAT YOU SAY I AM. HOW WILL THIS EVENING END?

THERE IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE WAY, ISN'T THERE?

IF I AM A MONSTER, I WOULD TAKE YOUR LIFE FOR ALL THE GRIEF YOU HAVE CAUSED WOLF MY FAMILY AND I.

I WOULD CUT A PATH OF DESTRUCTION ACROSS YOUR KINGDOM AND LAY EVERYTHING TO WASTE.

BUT HERE IS MY POINT, VITTORIO.

I AM NOT A MONSTER. I AM A WOMAN. I AM PART OF BOTH RACES. THE BEST OF BOTH. I'D LIKE TO THINK.



KILLING YOU, AS TEMPTING AS IT MAY BE, IS NOT MY WAY.



I CAME TO TELL YOU THIS: LEAVE US ALONE, VITTORIO. LEAVE US ALONE AND LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY.
COME AFTER US AGAIN AND MAYBE YOU WILL REALLY GET TO MEET A MONSTER.



GOODNIGHT, VITTORIO.





DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON HIS FACE?

ABSOLUTELY PRECIOUS.

WE'D BEST BE ON OUR WAY.



OF COURSE.

THERE IS NO WAY THAT VITTORIO IS INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO HEED OUR WARNING.

WHERE WE GOING, AUNTIE HOPE?



AWAY.

FAR, FAR AWAY.

Next: INTRODUCING SKOLD OF THE ASSASSIN'S GUILD- AND THE RETURN OF A CERTAIN GREELUM PEST!